

1 ABSTRACT

2 An improved method and apparatus is disclosed for locking a gooseneck  
3 trailer hitch such that a hitch ball cannot be inserted into or removed from the  
4 hitch. In one preferred embodiment, the hasp of a lock is passed through the  
5 retainer bracket of the hitch and locked with or without passing through the hitch  
6 handle. In another embodiment, a lock pin with an eyelet on one end is inserted  
7 into the retainer bracket of the hitch, and the hasp of a lock is passed through the  
8 eyelet and the hitch handle. In yet another embodiment, a lock pin with an eyelet  
9 on one end is inserted into a pair of openings on the cover plate surrounding the  
10 hitch handle, and the hasp of a lock is passed through the eyelet and the hitch  
11 handle. The invention may be originally manufactured, or existing hitches may be  
12 retrofitted.